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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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JP 11-176442, JP 2003-227039, JP 2003-168429, JP 2003-226510, JP 2003-173778, JP 2003-249220 and JP 2003-163739 were cited in a Japanese Office Action for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-378431 dated April 11, 2007, copy attached.

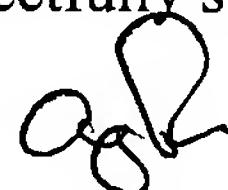
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